

In the Description

Please amend the following paragraphs to the description as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 4-7, please amend the first paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national application under 37 C.F.R. § 371(b) of International Application Serial No. PCT/US2004/033475 filed October 12, 2004, which claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/510,756 filed October 13, 2003 and U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/592,556 filed July 30, 2004, each of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein..

2. On page 5, lines 21-30, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A transversely extending rail 48 is supported by the frame member 42. A carriage 50, carrying the lower socket 52, is coupled to the rail 48 for movement along rail 48. The lower socket 52 has an upwardly opening frustoconical bore for receiving the lower tapered portion 106 of the coupler 102 when the equipment support 20 is supported by the hospital bed 22. The frustoconical bore in the lower socket 52 varies in diameter from a large diameter to a small diameter in a downward direction. The carriage 50 is lockable at any one of a plurality of locations along the rail 48. Illustratively, PCT international application publication no. WO 2005/037164 published _____ ~~(7175-74739)~~ discloses such hospital bed and is incorporated by reference herein.